

STAFF CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

The Austin Independent School District takes the health and safety of our students and their families very seriously. In addition to steps to screen for the virus and prevent its spread on a campus, we are adding a voluntary COVID-19 testing program for in-person students and staff. This program uses Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW tests provided by the federal government. We will only test with your consent. If you are willing to provide consent for us to administer this test to yourself (if age 18 or older), please fill out this form.

What is the test?

If you are asymptomatic or part of a group that is designated for testing, if you consent, you will receive a free BinaxNOW rapid test for the COVID-19 virus. Collecting a specimen for testing involves using a swab, similar to a Q-tip, placed inside the tip of the nose. A school staff member has been trained to use this test and will collect the specimen and a trained COVID-19 test administrator will oversee the process. Test results will be available to you. The results will be sent by text message and email within 24 hours of the test. This program is entirely optional for students and staff, although we hope you choose to have the test to keep our schools as healthy & safe as possible. The tests are being offered in addition to existing safety protocols such as mask wearing, social/physical distancing, and frequent disinfection of surfaces.

What should I do when I receive my test results?

If you test positive for the virus, you will be moved to a room away from students and other staff, until you can arrange transportation, if needed. We ask that you stay home until the infection period has ended (typically, after symptoms improve and at least 10 days from the date symptoms first appear) and you are no longer contagious. If your test results are negative, the virus was not found in the specimen tested and you can continue to work without interruption. In a small number of cases, tests sometimes produce incorrect results showing negative results (called "false negatives") in people who have COVID-19 or showing positive results (called "false positives") in people who don't have COVID-19. If you test negative but have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about your exposure to COVID-19, you should call your doctor, a licensed medical authority, or your local health department.

Known Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19.

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

Disclaimer:

While we realize precautions will be taken for the safety of students, please understand that neither the test administrator nor the Austin Independent School District, nor any of its trustees, officers, employees, or organization sponsors are liable for any accident or injuries that may occur to your child or yourself (if student age 18 or older), as a result of agreeing to the test.

TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF

Client Information

You will be notified with test results either via cell phone or email, or both.

Print Name:

Cell/Mobile #:

Note: results will be texted to this cell

Email Address:

Staff ID #:

Driver's License #
(if applicable)

Street Address:

City:

State: